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## PILCHER SHARES IN MERRILL'S MARAUDERS' CITATION

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REA MILITARY FURLOUGHEE PROMOTED TO MAJOR

### TIME SPENT IN SERVICE COUNTS TOWARD RAISE

#### COMPTROLLER GENERAL RULES

The Comptroller General has ruled that time spent in the military must be counted toward a Ramspeck in-grade promotion, an item in the October 30 Washington Post states.

This ruling means that most employees in the service will be reinstated at slightly higher salaries.

The decision says, in part: "Such an employee, upon restoration in accordance with the act to the former position or to one of like seniority, status, and pay is entitled to the salary rate he received when he entered the military service, plus any advancement to which he would have been entitled had he remained on the job."

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### "LEGALITE" ENCLOSED

#### FOR SOLICITORS IN UNIFORM

"The Legalite", weekly paper for staff members of the Associate Solicitor's Office, will be mailed with the Roll Call to all military furloughees of that division, beginning with the current issue. The paper is sponsored by the Labor-Management Committee and is edited by Ann Hoffelmeyer.

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#### BUREAU OF

### VITAL STATISTICS

Married: Miss Caroline Cynthia Ault, to Capt. Louis C. Stephens, in Cincinnati, October 14, 1944.

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TRANSFERRED RECENTLY?? PLEASE WRITE!!!

Capt. Milton A. Pilcher, a member of Frank D. Merrill's Marauders, who won a Presidential Citation for their exploits behind Jap lines in north Burma, has been promoted to the rank of Major, according to a recent announcement from the headquarters of the U. S. Army Forces in the China-Burma-India Theater.

Pilcher participated in the Marauders' 700-mile trek over and through the jungles of Burma which culminated in the capture of Myitkyina, former Jap stronghold and the prize of the north Burma campaign.

One of the few Signal Corps officers with a Combat Infantryman rating, Pilcher was communications officer for the Marauders and maintained radio communications from behind enemy lines in Burma obtaining supplies, fighter aircraft and orders.

(USAF Public Relations Hq. release)

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### SGT. CHRYS TAL ALLEN READS ABOUT REA

#### EVEN IN THE MARINE CORPS

"You might be interested to know that news of REA gets around even in the Marine Corps," says Sgt. Chrystal Allen of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve. "Quite frequently I run across some article about the splendid work of REA."

Sgt. Allen has changed her address seven times during 17 months of service. She refers to the Roll Call and Span as "worth their weight in gold."

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### GRAND TOTAL

collected in REA in the recent War Chest campaign amounted to \$5166.00.

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# COLUMN WRITE!

PLUCKNETT ABOARD U. S. S. MOOSEHEAD;  
CALLS J. G.'S "SMALL FRY"

Sgt. Beryl Longenecker, WAC, has left England for France after having been stationed in the same spot for 14 months. She says the "odd-shaped hats and bright-colored dresses almost make you think you're back in the states" . . . . Lou Roland, constantly on the move, is waiting for a T/4. Lou writes that he uses his college French all the time. . . . Lt. Darrell Johnson would like to hear from his crony, Fred Ripley. Johnson's address is 384th Service Group (Sp), LAAF, Lakeland, Fla., . . . . Phil Widman, somewhere in Belgium, sends his best to Mildred Dyer, Irleene Lewis, Ethel Johnson, and Emily Wetjen. Incidentally, Emily's girl Friday, Rose Marie Huston, broke many hearts in the Associate Solicitor's Office when she was married last October 8th. . . . Frank Carlson heard the World Series in France. "Agriculture is coming back fast over here," he writes. "The farmers are working hard to get their crops in but they'll always stop to give the soldiers fruit and wine. The kids shake hands and yell 'Bonjour!'" Frank recently saw Paris from the air. He says the German technical arrangements for power lines were very well done - - as if they planned to stay a long time. . . . Les Reynolds is back in the States, at Patuxent Naval Air Station, 40 miles south of Washington. He's living at "Hysteresis Loop", co-op boarding house which was patronized by many REA engineers and trainees when we were headquartered in the capital. Les says he will buy all the Kodacolor 120 film anyone wants to sell (Adv't) . . . . Ann Vernier is a lady Marine, as of October 30th. . . . "Paris is a great city," says T/4 Herman Kuchler, "but it is too far from St. Louis to suit me." . . . .

HERE TO THERE DEPARTMENT: Cpl. Ted Baroody to Camp Crowder; Ens. Walt Oeltjen to FPO, New York; Capt. Kermit R. Cline to Camp Howze; Capt. R. E. Thomson to Fort Sill; Capt. Andrew J. Myers, Jr., to Victorville AAF, Calif.; Lt. Richard L. Allen to Fort Monmouth; Major John S. Tarr to APO 408, NYC; Lt. Warner T. Smith to FPO, San Francisco. Full addresses of anyone mentioned in this paper may be obtained from REA Roll Call, address p. 1.

Lt. (j.g.) Knoland J. Plucknett attended a naval school with three commanders, six captains and "some small fry j.g.'s" before boarding the U. S. S. Moosehead, he wrote an REA acquaintance recently.

San Diego was twice as crowded as Boston, Plucknett says. "People are living in every imaginable place."

He mentions having seen George Scherrer in Boston and Ray Severine in Washington.

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ED HERRITY NOW AT KHORRAMSHABE, IRAN,  
WHERE IT'S HOT AND DUSTY OR MUDDY

Pvt. Ed Herrity has a few things to say about Khorramshabe, Iran, near the junction of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers, where he is now stationed.

"The barracks were 127 degrees the other day, even with the cooler on. Every day is either dusty or muddy. We work from 4:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"But there are always interesting things happening around here. The natives conceal all sorts of objects in their long flowing garments. The other day, one of them had a land mine under there, that blew up."

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## GOING UP!

Major Milton A. Pilcher  
Cpl. Theodore A. Baroody  
Ens. Harry L. Oswald  
T/Sgt. Reuben E. Fields

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TO OUR READERS:

This issue of the Roll Call will be delivered some time around

## THANKSGIVING

We hope that you will be able to spend next Thanksgiving at home with us, and we are trying hard to make that hope come true.